Batteries Not Included

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Happy 30th anniversary, WJLA-WMAL! . . . which celebrates with a big on-air show at 9 this morning . . . complete with cake, kinescopes of old shows and a reunion of lots of former performers . . .

In Chandler, Tex. . . . Marina Oswald Porter says she dozed off during the Friday episode of ABC's two-part **"The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald"** . . .

Rumors persist that Richard Wald, president of NBC News, is on the way out . . . latest lunchtime gossip has him gone by Nov. 1, two weeks before the network's affiliates board of delegates is due to meet . . .

Wald told us Friday the stories are just not true . . . although other network sources admit there's been considerable squabbling at NBC News lately . . .

Meanwhile, the revamped **"NBC Nightly News"** is only holding its own with a consistent 25 or 26 per cent share of the network news audience . . . while **"CBS Evening News"** maintains its lead with the usual 29 to 30 share and ABC, for all its reorganization . . . still trails with its usual 17 and 18 shares . . .